

**Title and Purpose of Information Collection:** Statement Regarding Contributions and Support: OMB 3220-0099.

Under Section 2 of the Railroad Retirement Act, dependency on an employee for one-half support at the time of an employee's death can be a condition affecting entitlement to a survivor annuity and can affect the

amount of both spouse and survivor annuities. One-half support is also a condition which may negate the public service pension offset in Tier I for a spouse or widow(er). The Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) utilizes Form G-134, Statement Regarding Contributions and Support, to secure information needed to adequately determine if the applicant meets the

one-half support requirement. One form is completed by each respondent.

Non-burden impacting editorial and formatting changes are being proposed to Form G-134 for clarification purposes.

**Estimate of Annual Respondent Burden**

The estimated annual respondent burden is as follows:

Form No.	Annual responses	Estimated completion time (min)	Burden (hrs)
G-134:			
With assistance .....	75	147	184
Without assistance .....	25	180	75
Total .....	100	.....	259

**Additional Information or Comments:**

To request more information or to obtain a copy of the information collection justification, forms, and/or supporting material, please call the RRB Clearance Officer at (312) 751-3363 or send an e-mail request to [Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV](mailto:Charles.Mierzwa@RRB.GOV). Comments regarding the information collection should be addressed to Ronald J. Hodapp, Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092 or send an e-mail to [Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV](mailto:Ronald.Hodapp@RRB.GOV). Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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The following information collection is pending at the RRB and will be submitted to OMB 60 days from the date of this notice. Therefore, your comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Title and purpose of information collection:** Student Beneficiary Monitoring; OMB 3220-0123-20CFR 219.54 and 219.55. Under provisions of the Railroad Retirement Act (RRA), there are two types of benefits whose payment is based upon the status of a child being in full-time elementary or secondary school attendance at age 18-19; a survivor child's annuity benefit under Section 2(d)(2)(iii) and an increase in the employee retirement annuity under the Special Guaranty computation as prescribed in section 3(f)(3).

The survivor student annuity is usually paid by direct deposit at a financial institution to the student's checking or savings account or a joint bank account with the parent. The requirements for eligibility as a student are prescribed in 20 CFR 216.74, and include students in independent study or home schooling.

The RRB requires evidence of full-time school attendance in order to determine that a child is entitled to student benefits. The RRB utilizes the following forms to conduct its student monitoring program. Form G-315, Student Questionnaire, obtains certification of a student's full-time school attendance. It also obtains information on a student's marital status, Social Security benefits, and employment which are needed to determine entitlement or continued entitlement to benefits under the RRA. Form G-315a, Statement of School Official, is used to obtain verification from a school that a student attends school full-time and provides their expected graduation date. Form G-315a.1, School Officials Notice of Cessation of Full-Time Attendance, is used by a school to notify the RRB that a student has ceased full-time school attendance.

**Type of Request:** Revision of an OMB approved information collection. Completion is required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Number of Respondents:** 900—The RRB estimates that approximately 860 Form G-315's, 20 Form G-315a's and 20 Form G-315a.1's are received annually.

**Frequency of Response:** Once.

**Average Burden Per Response:** The completion time for the G-315 is estimated at 15 minutes per response. The completion time for the G-315a is estimated at 3 minutes per response and the G-315a.1 estimated completion time is 2 minutes.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 217 hours.

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**RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

In accordance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 which provides opportunity for public comment on new or revised data collections, the Railroad Retirement Board (RRB) will publish periodic summaries of proposed data collections.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the RRB's estimate of the burden of the collection of the information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden related to